

Fighting Connecticut's Opioid Crisis



Heroin and prescription drug overdoses are claiming more lives in Connecticut every year. I fought for legislation that will positively impact the state's opioid crisis. The legislation improves access to Naloxone, often known as Narcan, a medication that is used to treat opioid overdose. Expanding access to Narcan is an important step in this public health crisis. Allowing more first responders to carry Narcan will save lives. The legislation also caps first-time painkiller prescriptions to a seven-day supply, strengthens the prescription monitoring program, and releases health care professionals from liability when they administer an opioid antagonist, such as Narcan, to treat an overdose.



Renovating the Army & Navy Club

I helped secure a substantial state grant for the historic and beloved Army & Navy Club on Main Street in Manchester in order to help them with roof replacement, window replacement, electrical and plumbing upgrades, accessibility improvements and various interior and exterior improvements. The club was founded in 1919 for returning World War I veterans when the Cheney Brothers textile mills donated the property on which the club stands. I think every person who has ever been inside the Club has noticed that the facility is in need of some renovations, so I was happy to help accomplish these necessary improvements.

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HELPING BOB'S DISCOUNT FURNITURE GROW IN MANCHESTER

I played a pivotal role in negotiating an agreement between state economic development officials and Bob's Discount Furniture that will keep Bob's national corporate headquarters in Manchester, retain 326 employees, create 125 new jobs over the next five years and build a new 103,000 square foot headquarters. Connecticut is a great place to start or expand a business!



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Creating Jobs for the New Innovation Economy

This year I championed a law to focus on the new innovation economy so we are building jobs for the next generation. From the Industrial Revolution to the modern jet engine and the financial industry, our state has been at the forefront of the nation’s economy. But as the business world changes we must once again reinvent our economy to continue to lead. This new law uses our economic strengths—a highly educated and productive workforce, top-tier universities and existing businesses—to capture future job growth at startups and expansion-ready companies.

- Develops and attracts entrepreneurs who create new startups and jobs and helps grow successful startups into larger firms
- Establishes ‘Innovation Places’—dense, local networks of innovators and entrepreneurs—where new businesses can grow faster together
- Connects colleges and universities with the private sector to convert research into new businesses
- Attracts more private funding to support growing companies



Cutting Spending & Consolidating Government

This year, Connecticut faced a budget gap, and given our tough economic reality, I dug in with my fellow legislators to consolidate government and create efficiencies, institute fiscal reforms and reduce government benefits. **To balance the budget we did not raise taxes and reduced spending by \$1.5 billion.** The cuts we made were not easy, but it was the only way forward without burdening taxpayers and businesses.



Protecting Critical Services

Despite a budget deficit, I worked hard to consolidate state government in a smart way in order to protect core services. We protected funding for seniors and people with disabilities, continued a strong level of local and higher education funding, maintained a commitment of investment in our hospitals, and dedicated state funding to every town in the state to hold down property taxes.

Town	Funding Increase	Total Funding This Year
Andover	\$22,000	\$2.6 million
Bolton	\$43,000	\$3.4 million
Glastonbury	\$923,000	\$8.5 million
Manchester	\$220,000	\$40.2 million

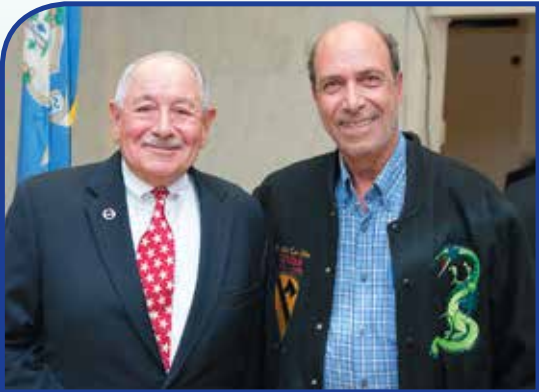


Bringing Job Opportunities

I’ve co-hosted two job fairs recently that connected residents and veterans with area businesses looking to hire employees. The Career Fair at MCC featured representatives from 66 different regional companies, while the Advanced Manufacturing Career Fair at The Army & Navy Club focused on high-tech careers.

Helping to Grow Aerospace Jobs

In the next several years, Connecticut is expected to add thousands of good-paying aerospace jobs thanks to increased federal defense spending. I’m helping to ensure a lot of those jobs will land in the greater Manchester area by securing a state grant for AdChem Manufacturing Technologies to buy new equipment, open a second facility and hire more than three dozen new employees.



Supporting Veteran-Owned Small Businesses

As policymakers, we must improve the lives of our veterans and ensure they earn a good living and contribute to our economy. Under a new law that I championed this year, veteran-owned small businesses will now receive additional preferences that will make it easier for veterans to start and grow businesses. This new policy is a continuation of my multi-year focus on improving the lives of our veterans and supporting them in every way possible.

“The Chamber is grateful to Senate leadership for its support of this initiative, which is vital to our more than 40,000 veteran-owned businesses”

Andrew S. DiSilvestro Jr., Executive VP, CT Veterans Chamber of Commerce